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CHILD SEX INCIDENCE IN SLUMS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 26 States/UTs, the slum child sex incidence is higher than their non- slum counterparts in 21 States/Union Territores;

(b) if so, the fact of the matter;

(c) whether Government are taking the matter seriously to set right the things in future; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) As per the information furnished by the Registrar General of India, the girl child sex ratio in the age group of 0-6 years is higher in 21 States/Union Territories out of 26 States/UTs in slums population as compared to non-slum population. Some of the commonly put forward facts to explain the low level of girl child sex ratio in the country includes son preference, neglect of the girl child resulting in higher mortality at younger age and easy availability of the sex determination tests which leads to female foeticide.

(c)&(d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the Pre-Conception & Pre- Natal Diagnostic Techniques as well as creating awareness on the issue through various IEC mechanisms. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the Scheme of Dhan Laxmi − Conditional Cash Transfer for Girl Child with Insurance Cover, which includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionalities viz. birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age. The Ministry is also undertaking awareness and sensitization programmes.